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Junsaku Nakajima et al.

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Examiner: N. Z. Hindi

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS) ACCOMPANING REQUEST
FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination.

Applicants submit herewith all copies of US, foreign and non-patents in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

A summary/abstract translation, a partial English language translation or a corresponding English language patent document is enclosed for each of the cited non-English language references. The English language material provided for each cited item on the attached Form PTO/SB/08a/b provides a concise explanation its relevance.

Specifically, an Office Action was issued on 2 December 2003 by the Japanese Patent Office in a case corresponding to the above-identified United States Patent Application. A copy of that Official Action and an English language translation thereof are attached.

Further, the cited US Patent Nos. 5,572,507 and 6,760,299 and Canadian Patent No. 2,085,974 (See Items AA-AB and BJ) correspond to Japanese Patent Laying-Open Nos. 07-272282, 06-215380, and 2001-076347, respectively. Otherwise, an English language Abstract or partial translation is provided for each cited Japanese reference.

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It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

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